

A₃ Sub 9. (Amended) Object provided with individual protrusions and/or pairs of protrusions, suitable for application in an assembly according to claim 1.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel the improper multiple dependencies in the original claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--5. (Amended) Assembly according to [one of the previous claims] claim 1, characterized in that the protrusions are formed by metal balls, which are partially incorporated in the first object or in the second object.

7. (Amended) Assembly according to [one of the previous claims] claim 1, characterized in that means are provided for the mutual fastening of the combined objects.

9. (Amended) Object provided with individual protrusions and/or pairs of protrusions, suitable for application in an assembly according to [one of the above claims] claim 1.--